

THOMPSON EN BLOC AMENDMENT
SECTION-BY-SECTION

In addition to several technical changes, the en bloc amendment makes the following substantive additions:

Offered by Mr. Thompson

SEC. 904. STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM. This section requires DHS to promulgate regulations to require academic institutions and programs that sponsor international students and exchange visitors to ensure that those international students and exchange visitors are in fact actively participating in the programs for which they were admitted to the U.S. In other words, it will ensure that international students and exchange visitors do not just use their student or exchange visitor status to engage in unauthorized (or illegal) activity. It also ensures that academic institutions and exchange visitor programs devote adequate personnel resources to meet the reporting requirements of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) and that DHS will provide adequate training and technical support to the authorized users of SEVP. All authorized users of SEVP must be confirmed by DHS as not being on a terrorist watch list. GAO will be required to do a review of the SEVP's fee structure.

SEC. 1003. AUTHORITY TO APPOINT AND MAINTAIN A CADRE OF FEDERAL ANNUITANTS FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION ANALYSIS. This section replaces a similar provision in the base bill and allows the Secretary, within the five years after enactment of this act, to appoint federal annuitants to positions in the Office of Information analysis (IA), with a maximum number of 100 annuitants.

SEC. 1113. IDENTITY FRAUD PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM. This section creates a new grant program in order for states to issue secure driver's licenses and identification cards in accordance with the REAL ID Act of 2005. These grants may be used to: develop machine readable technology, establish a system for State-to-State data exchange, safeguard of personal information, facilitate queries of Federal databases by states; capture digital images of identity source documents; reduce the number of in-person visits necessary to obtain state issued identity documents. Priority is given to states that will use the grant to prevent fraudulent issuance of ID cards. For purposes of this section, appropriations are authorized in the amount of \$120 million for FY08, \$100 million for FY09, \$80 million for FY08.

Offered by Mr. Etheridge (010)

SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTORATE FOR POLICY. This amendment directs the Under Secretary for Policy, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Development, to ensure that all Departmental policies, programs, and activities appropriately consider the needs of and impact upon children. Additionally,

one year following the enactment of this legislation, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Under Secretary for Policy shall report to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on activities undertaken pursuant to this section and the resulting improvement in security for children, schools and other child-centered facilities.

Offered by Mr. Carney (012)

SEC. 205. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. This provision expresses the sense of Congress that the consolidation of the Department and its key component headquarters on the West Campus of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and should move forward as expeditiously as possible, with all the agencies involved in this effort bearing those costs for which they are responsible.

Offered by Mr. Etheridge (004)

SEC. 407. REQUIREMENT THAT UNIFORMS, PROTECTIVE GEAR, BADGES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF HOMELAND SECURITY PERSONNEL BE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES. This provision ensures that section 407 does not adversely impact domestic textile manufacturers by directing the Secretary to take all available steps to ensure that producers of the listed items use domestic textiles.

Offered by Mr. McCarthy (012)

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS NOT SUPPORTING COAST GUARD EFFORTS. This amendment prohibits the awarding of Federal contracts and grants to educational institutions who do not support certain efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Offered by Ms. Sanchez (012)

SEC. 505. STRENGTHENING BORDER PATROL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. This amendment alters the language in section 505 to create subsections (a) and (b), creating separate provisions regarding strengthening of Border Patrol recruitment and retention generally and requiring the Secretary to submit a report to Congress.

Offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (427)

SEC. ____ . CITIZEN CORPS. This section authorizes such sums as may be necessary for the Secretary of Homeland Security to encourage the utilization of Citizen Corps funding and local Citizen Corps Councils to assist in the education and training of populations located around critical infrastructure for preparedness and response.

Offered by Mr. McCaul (010)

SEC. ____ . NATIONAL BIO AND AGRO-DEFENSE FACILITY. This section establishes in statute the proposed National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF). The NBAF will be a part of the Science and Technology Directorate and headed by a director. The NBAF will conduct research on animal, and zoonotic (affecting both humans and animal) diseases that pose human health or economic threats to our country. Such threats could arise naturally or introduced intentionally. The NBAF will share the results of its research to prevent or reduce the damage done by such diseases.

The director of NBAF's responsibilities are to direct research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) on countermeasures, detection technologies, animal models, information sharing mechanisms, and standards; coordinate Federal, State, and Local government research efforts; develop an emergency response plan for such diseases; ensure the NBAF itself is secure; train research and technical staff; leverage expertise of academia, private industry, national labs, and Federal, State, and Local governments.

The NBAF must have Bio Safety Level (BSL) 3 and 4 facilities; be situated on at least 30 acres of securable land; be at least 500,000 square feet and be capable of housing at least 80 large animals; have preexisting or easily installed utility infrastructure; have a completed environmental impact statement; and be located reasonably near an airport and major roadways. The Department may accept and use in-kind donations of real property, personal property, laboratory and office space, utility services, and infrastructure upgrades for the NBAF. The NBAF is exempt from the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (40 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) and from the requirement under 21 U.S.C. 113a that research on live foot-and-mouth disease be conducted only on coastal islands.

The Secretary will coordinate all NBAF activities with applicable agencies, most notably the USDA and HHS, and codify such coordination with interagency agreements and form cooperative agreements with the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.

Offered by Mr. Bilirakis (013)

SEC. ____ . BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS. This provision authorizes \$10 million in funding for a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully present in the United States.

Offered by Mr. Etheridge (003)

SEC. ____ . REPORT REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL AND INSPECTOR GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE. This amendment requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress concerning the Department's implementation of recommendations made by the Comptroller General and Inspector General with respect to the protection of agriculture.

Offered by Mr. Rogers (016)

SEC. ____ . STRENGTHENING LINE OF AUTHORITY FOR LEGISLATIVE, CONGRESSIONAL, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. This amendment directs the Secretary to ensure that the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs have sufficient authority to ensure that his or her counterparts in the component agencies adhere to the laws, rules, regulations, and departmental policies set by the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. The authorities given to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs include making recommendations concerning hiring, reassignment, and termination of individual employees, developing performance measures, submitting performance evaluations, and withholding funds from component agencies.

Offered by Mr. Jindal (039)

SEC. ____ . REPORT REGARDING LEVEE SYSTEM. This amendment requires the Secretary to submit, within 6 months of enactment, a report analyzing the threat, vulnerability, and consequence of a terrorist attack on a levee system of the United States.

Offered by Mr. Lungren (025)

SEC. ____ . REPORT ON FORCE MULTIPLIER PROGRAM. This amendment requires the Secretary to report on the progress of adopting a force multiplier model for the Federal Air Marshals.

Offered by Mr. Perlmutter (003)

SEC. ____ . ELIGIBILITY OF STATE JUDICIAL FACILITIES FOR STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS. This amendment clarifies whether a State judicial facility can receive a covered grant.

Offered by Mr. Dent (001)

SEC. 1114. AUTHORIZATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNCTIONS OF SECRET SERVICE. This amendment authorizes all the activities of the Secret Service at \$1,641,432,000 for Fiscal Year 2008.

Offered by Mr. Cuellar

SEC. 905. ASSESSMENT OF RESOURCES NECESSARY TO REDUCE CROSSING TIMES AT LAND PORTS OF ENTRY. This provision makes a technical correction to the base bill in Section 905 as relates to the report on wait times at the border.